



NEWS NOTES

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A Word from the Director - Robert Harlow

Well, another year is nearly over and RSVP will be entering our 44th year in 2017! Our volunteers once again have done much to meet unmet needs in our community and are on target for a collective contribution of over 50,000 hours of service in 2016. We continue to need volunteers for existing programs and continue in our recruitment efforts. Many thanks to our In-Home volunteers who have been busy making scarves, mittens, hats, and other items.

These items are being distributed in the community and this process will be completed by the end of December. Our Intergenerational volunteers are once again busy in the area schools mentoring children through our four programs American Read, BABES, Folk Fairs, and Intergenerational heroes. The Community Referrals and Senior Volunteering for Seniors are also going strong.

We are looking forward to another productive year in 2017! We don't anticipate any changes to our programs and look forward to working with our volunteers and volunteer stations. Many thanks to our funders and those who have made donations to RSVP. We very much appreciate your support. As always, sincere thanks to our wonderful volunteers, staff, Advisory Board members and Board members.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff we wish you a happy and healthy Holiday Season!

Our Office Will Be Closed on the Following Days

Thursday, November 24, 2016
Friday, November 25, 2016
Friday, December 23, 2016
Monday, December 26, 2016
Friday, December 30, 2016
Monday, January 2, 2017
Monday, January 16, 2017
Monday, May 29, 2017
Thursday, June 15, 2017 - Recognition Dinner
Tuesday, July 4, 2017
Monday, September 4, 2017

Also, we are closed and SVS drivers will not drive if the Beloit School System is closed due to inclement weather - (snow, ice, etc.). Please listen to your local news, or radio station if the weather is questionable.

RSVP Wish List

1. Printer cartridges: HP 56 and 57, Canon 26, 26c, 26m, 26y and HP 35A
2. Pink, green and blue copy paper
3. 1 inch mailing tabs
4. Avery laser 5160 labels
5. Paper plates and plastic utensils
6. Napkins
7. 4-ply yarn
8. Toilet paper
9. Paper Towels
10. Large plastic totes
11. Bic whiteout correction tape
12. Candy suckers for afterschool programs

Seniors Volunteering for Seniors

By Patty Hansberry

SVS would like to thank Marlo Wilson for her help for the last couple of year, she worked with the SVS program and the Angel museum, through the WISE Program. Marlo helped wherever she was needed from filing to writing ride notes. She will be greatly missed.

The last few months have been very busy with SVS, we have had 3 consecutive months with over 10,000 miles each. Drivers have committed to almost 2700 rides since January 1, 2016. I would like to thank each driver who has donated their time to the program. Without you, the clients couldn't get to where they need to be.

SVS is looking for volunteers. Do you have a few hours or more? SVS might be the place to be. We have opportunities available in the Rock County area going to doctor appointments, grocery stores and other destinations. We also have friendly visitor, phone assurance and respite relief volunteer opportunities. All are reimbursed at .42 cents a mile and you can tell me the times you are available. Call 608-362-9593, 608-752-4281 or email me at phansberry@rsvp-rock.org.



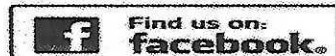
The Blackhawk Golden "K" Kiwanis Club and RSVP celebrate the first award ceremony for those who go "Above and Beyond" and provide assistance to those who need a helping hand in some fashion. Jim Haugen and Fung Sholz were the first two recipients of the award Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

On October 4-6, Bob and Patty were able to attend a WURTA transportation conference in Green Bay, with the help of a reimbursement grant from Wisconsin RTAP.



It's that time of year again. Did you change your address or phone? RSVP is asking that you help us update your information. Please call 608-362-9593 or 608-756-4281 between 8-4, or email MSpaeth@rsvp-rock.org.

We have a new way to contact us:



at Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Rock County Inc.

Community Referrals

By Laura Anastasi

RSVP has completed many projects for area organizations as well as provided volunteers for community events during 2016. We are always in need of seniors 55 and over who would like to get more involved in their community by sharing their talents and expertise. RSVP can provide a variety of opportunities to share their lifetime experiences while gaining satisfaction from knowing they are helping others. If you are interested or know someone who may be, please contact Laura at 362-9593, 608-756-4281 or email me at laura@rsvp-rock.org.

Intergenerational News

The RSVP Intergenerational Programs have gotten off to a great start. The volunteers and I have had the opportunity to begin our year at Merrill Elementary School. We performed our BABES (Beginning Alcohol and Addictions Basic Education Studies Program) for Merrill's kindergarteners. Other schools we will visit during the 2016-17 school year are Harrison Elementary, Madison Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Todd Elementary and Parkview Elementary in Orfordville.

America Reads has begun another busy school year in our Rock County Elementary Schools. We are in need of some more volunteers who can commit to 30-60 minutes a week in a classroom to offer children who are at risk of difficulty in learning to read. Volunteers compliment and support the instruction provided by teachers, and also give children the intangible gift of an adult's attention and concern. Call Laura at 608-362-9593, 608-756-4281 or email me at laura@rsvp-rock.org, if you are interested.

Thanks to all of the great RSVP Intergenerational Volunteers that have made a difference this past year!

Rose Ackley	Susan Alexander	Warren Allston	Susan Altbach
Kathy Ames	Arnold Arndt	Kathryn Bakke	Mildred Bakke
Carol Beilharz	Pam Benish	Margaret Brandenburg	Joanne Ciulla
Barbara Cox	Jerry Cox	Frank Cummins	Dennis Dorst
Sharon Dressler	Diane Durkee	Kathy Fernan	Lois Ferrara
Alberta Fry	Carol Garry	Betty Gilbert	Joyce Gray
Ruth Gray	Ruby Hay	Karen Jolly	Tom Kautz
Jan Kinnaman	Margaret Klein	Ruth Kolpack	Janet Kopp
Barb Kronquist	Michael Lattomus	Jean Larson	Gerald Lesch
June Loper	Sue Ellen Madere	Karen Maren	Mary McQuisten
Allene Meade	Deborah Moore	Kathleen Moran	Andy Navarro
Darlene Nelson	Greg Nelson	Sue Orr	Ellen Owens
Judy Owens	Kan Paopie	Kathy Parker	Virgil Parker
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Jeanne Smith	Dan Summers	Mary Ann Sveom	David Thill
Aleta Thompson	Carol Turner	Deb Ulrich	Pat Wagner
Roberta Woods			

Volunteer Opportunities

RSVP—Intergenerational Programs

Intergenerational Heroes

This is an after school program that teaches fun, healthy activities and hobbies in small groups to 4th, 5th and 6th graders in Rock County. This is a six week program that meets every Thursday for one hour.

Folk Fairs

Are you still thinking about joining the Folk Fair family? Well, stop thinking about it and join us in the upcoming school year. Folk Fairs are living history lessons given to area elementary students. RSVP volunteers demonstrate and share how to make butter, wood burning, wood carving and embroidery. They also share antiques, a collection of dolls and wooden toys. The cloggers from the Janesville Senior Center will also perform. You say you don't have a talent or hobby you can share, well no problem. We will be happy to set you up with one of our displays.

America Reads

Do you enjoy reading? Why not share that joy with area students who are struggling. Reading is a key to success in education and in life. Did you know that four out of ten fourth graders can't read at grade level? There is a huge demand for volunteers that are willing to help students with their reading. You can make a huge difference in the life of a child.

BABES (Beginning Alcohol and Addiction Basic Education Studies)

This is a puppet show to educate first graders about substance abuse, peer pressure, coping skills, good decision making and self-image. This is a five week program that meets once a week for 45 minutes in the fall and spring.

RSVP—Home Based Programs

Do you like to knit, crochet or quilt. We are in need of your talents to make hats, mittens, gloves, baby blankets, lap robes, or small quilts. We receive donations of yarn throughout the year.

For any information on any of these programs please contact Laura Anastasi at 608-362-9593 or 608-756-4281, or by email at laura@rsvp-rock.org

RSVP—Seniors Volunteering for Seniors

Driving Program

Would you enjoy helping fellow seniors with doctor appointments, grocery trips and other essential errands? Seniors Volunteering for Seniors is looking for drivers in the Rock County area. Drivers are reimbursed at .42 cents per mile and offered supplemental auto insurance.

Teen Program

Would you like to be a mentor to a young woman and her child? We are looking for senior ladies to take these young women to school and help them obtain their high school diploma. Hours vary starting at 8:00 am. Drivers are reimbursed at .42 cents per mile and are offered supplemental auto insurance.

Friendly Visitor

Seniors Volunteering for Seniors is looking for volunteers to fill friendly visit opportunities. A friendly visit can consist of talking, playing cards, playing games, or just being there to spend time with a fellow senior. Current needs include one for a gin player in Janesville, and other opportunities throughout Rock County.

Phone Assurance

Would you be interested in calling other seniors? The phone assurance program is in need of volunteers to call for medication reminders or just to visit on the phone. Medication reminders are usually daily and phone visits are done at a predetermined time by volunteer and client.

Respite Relief

Volunteers are needed throughout Rock County to provide relief for caregivers. Hours and days are flexible to fit your needs. This program provides a reimbursement of .42 cents a mile and supplemental liability insurance while you are driving to and from assignments.

Please contact Patty Hansberry at 362-9593 or 608-756-4281 or by email at phansberry@rsvp-rock.org for any of the above opportunities.

More Volunteer Opportunities

Family Services of Beloit

Family Services of Beloit is looking for hotline volunteers. The hours would be anytime Monday thru Friday 8 am –5pm. Duties include answering phones and talking to troubled people. If interested please contact **Amanda Isunza** at **608-365-1244**.

Beloit Meals on Wheels

Due to growth, Beloit Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers to help deliver meals. A route may take one hour to complete. They are in vital need for Saturdays and Sundays. Please contact **Patty Gilmour, Volunteer Coordinator** at **608-362-3683**.

Grinnell Hall

Grinnell Hall is looking for volunteers to help with food prep, serving and clean up. The shift is approximately 10:30am to 1:00pm. Please contact **Cindy Ross** at **608-362-4569**.

Beloit Public Library

The Beloit Public Library has a program for volunteers to help keep the library items in correct order by "shelf-reading". This program is called "Adopt-A-Shelf". Volunteers attend a mandatory 2 hours of training to learn how the library is organized alphabetically and by the Dewey Decimal system.

Volunteers then agree to adopt an area of the library's collection and help make sure that it stays neat, in order, and dusted. If you are available please contact **Vicki Hahn, Volunteer Coordinator**, at **608-364-5756**.

Angel Museum Beloit, WI

The Angel Museum is looking for Board members, gift shop help, admissions, and museum docents. If you are interested please contact **Bob Harlow** at **608-362-9593** or **608-756-4281**.

Beloit Domestic Violence Center

Beloit Domestic Violence Survivor Center is looking for volunteers for a Friday Night Family Night. They need assistance with organizing activities for the families. Please contact **Kelsey Hood** at **608.364.1083** or email at **khood@familyservices1.org**

Cedar Crest

Enjoy building relationships with older adults and benefit from their lives rich with history and experiences. Acquire skills and make new friends while helping your community. Volunteers are needed for Assisted Living games Thurs. or Fri. evenings at 6pm or Sat. mornings at 9:30 am, Memory Care Activity Programing, evenings at 5:45pm or weekend days, gathering residents for evening vespers service at 6:30pm, and a popcorn popper for residents on Friday afternoons plus many other opportunities. These are critical needs. For more information contact Cedar Crest's **Volunteer Coordinator, Linda Lyke** at **608-373-6327** or email **llyke@cedarcrest.com**

VOAD

RSVP is looking for volunteers to be a part of VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters). This independent group is vitally important. You will assist Rock County Emergency Management to effectively provide assistance to the community in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters. If you are interested or would like more information, contact **Laura** at **RSVP 608-362-9593** or **608-756-4281**

The Literacy Connection

"People with limited literacy come from all social and economic backgrounds and so do our tutors." Work 1-1 or support small group settings, support fellow tutors, substitute for other tutors, depending on YOUR time and comfort level. You may volunteer one hour a month or one hour a week, depending on your schedule. YOU ARE ALWAYS SUPPORTED BY TLC! We are also in need of an office assistant 3 hours a week. For more information on becoming a tutor, call our office at **608-756-3125** or shoot us an email at **erin@theliteracyconnection.com."**

Caritas

Caritas is looking for volunteers. The need is for stocking shelves and unpacking boxes for the pantry. The times are Tuesday 10:30-12:30 & 12:30-3:00 and Wednesday 10:30-1:30 & 2:00-5:00. Contact **Denise** or **Paula** at **608-362-4403** for information.

The "Older" Persons in our Midst

There are people who've lived many years,
through laughter, joy, sadness and tears.

By being here, they surround us,
through lives rich with family and careers.

There's a population whose growing numbers resound.

With a healthier lifestyle, you can't keep them down.

Degrees are earned at 81,
and there are races that are run.

The "dare to dream" mentality surely abounds!

There are people that others call "old,"
or "made long ago" as in Webster's it's told.

Whether defined as "of an earlier time,"
or even better, as a very fine wine,
people "long familiar" with this world are like gold.

These people that "exhibit the wisdom of age,"
have accomplishments that fill page after page.

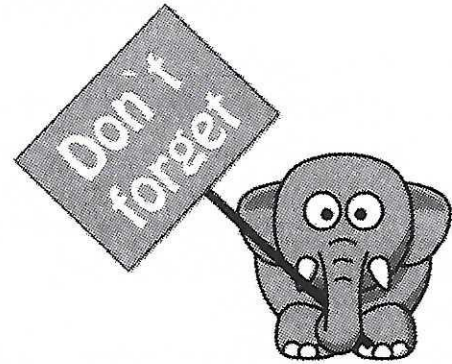
Their work ethic, responsibility and knowledge
are worth more than credits or college.
For family and friends they've helped set the stage.

So, if you're "older" as a relative term –
this should not be within your realm of concern.

We depend on you to lead us,
and with your experience feed us.
From you we have so much we can learn.

Written by Pam Hatfield, Branch Manager


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Persons age 60 and older may
contact their
Rock County Elder Benefit
Specialists/SHIP Counselors
for assistance.

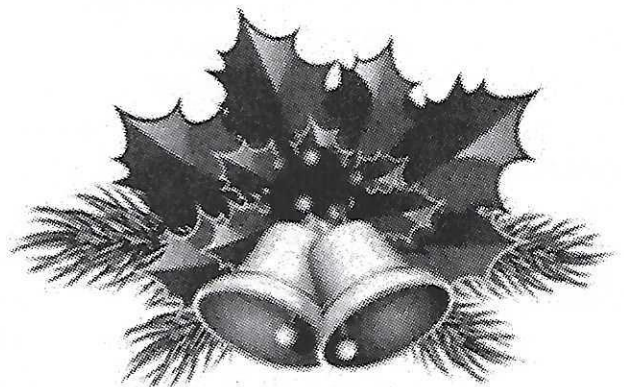
Rachel Jacob at 608-757-5940, ext. 4,
assists residents of Janesville, Edgerton,
Footville and Johnstown.

Lachel Fowler at 608-757-5414
Assists residents of Avalon, Beloit,
Brodhead, Clinton, Evansville, Hanover,
Milton and Orfordville.

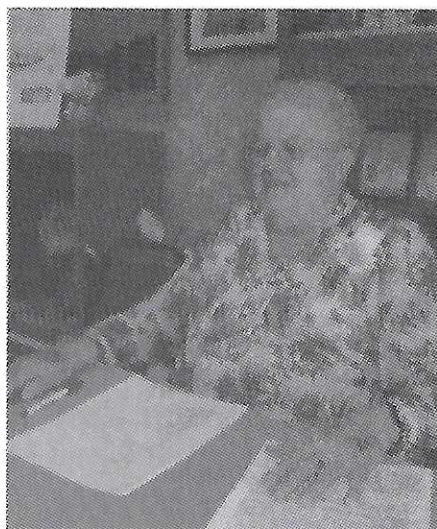
Other assistance is available through:

Medicare at (800)633-4227

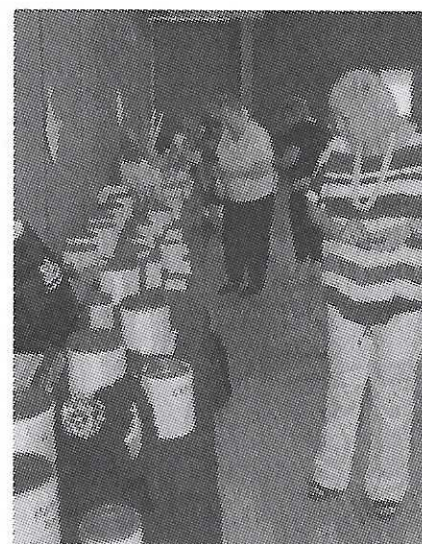
WI Board on Aging-Medigap
Part D Prescription Drug Helpline at
(855) 677-2783



**A few
memories
from the
2016
Volunteer
Dinner**



Eva Arnold making sure everyone gets signed in.



So many raffles to choose from . . . Which one should I put my ticket in?



View of the dinner room.



Getting the dinner started musician, John Solis.



RSVP Guest Servers.



Dancing to the music.

In Memory of Alice Street

"Alice will be remembered for her beautiful smile and her willingness to help others."

In Memory of Sue and Vernon Johnson

"They always loved to volunteer and shared their skills and care for many, many years"

Memorials and Tributes

Please use this form to make a contribution to RSVP in memory or honor of someone special

Enclosed is my gift of _____

In honor of _____ In memory of _____

Personal Tribute _____

Check payable to RSVP of Rock County

If you would like, we will send an acknowledgement of your tribute or memorial to the person(s) listed below

Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

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Joyce Gray-Hats, Mittens,
Scarves

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Debbie Hansen-Yarn, Afghan

Alice Kniskern-Mittens

Anita Marita-Cutting Boards

Allene Meade-Lap Robes

Marie Menz-Gift Cards

Rosemarie Dimiceli-Muthig-
Lap Robes

Jan Olmstead-Hats, scarves,
mittens

Joan Rotar-Afghan

Kathy Rush- Yarn

Mary Seger-Scarves, Mittens

Dorothy Spaeth-Scarves

Lois Swanson-Mittens

Ruth Thornberry- Scarves

Joan Vanden Noven-Lap
Robes

Voluntary Action Center-Yarn,
Office Supplies

Dorothy Wensel-Hats and
Sweaters

Welcome to RSVP

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Jerome Bauer

Lois Broege

Nancy Bumo

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Doris Davis-Gaustad

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Edward Grutzner

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Ruth Kolpack

Kenneth Kunkle

Cynthia MacNeas

Sara Magill

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Robert Norder

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Ronald Pattan

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Dan Summers

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Elroy Wirtz

Dawn Wollsair

David Zimbars

*Volunteers don't receive a salary because they're
worthless...It's because THEY ARE PRICELESS!*

Become a Friend of RSVP of Rock County

While the Board of Directors of RSVP appreciate the contributions of the many volunteers and community partners, it also acknowledges the need to raise additional dollars to ensure that RSVP of Rock County can continue to operate effectively with its partner agencies and volunteers. If you would like to become a friend of RSVP of Rock County, please send your tax deductible donation to Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Rock County, 2433 S. Riverside Drive #1, Beloit, WI 53511. Your friend status will provide you with name recognition on the RSVP website as well in the newsletters. Thank you again for assisting us in our mission of enhancing the lives of volunteers, age 55 and older, through meaningful service opportunities that match life skills and interests to community needs.

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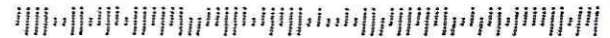
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The RSVP Mission